THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) to (c) Advertisements are issued from time to time in major national and regional newspapers to build awareness among the consumers about the advantages of processed food. Such advertisements also educate people about the processed foods safe and permitted preservatives as indicated on the label.

Payment of charges by CGHS beneficiaries

1884. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Government servants covered under Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) are required to pay hospital charges in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the names of the hospitals in Mumbai which made Government servants pay hospital charges;

(c) the action proposed to be taken against those hospitals; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE: (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Yes, Madam. The Government servants i.e. the serving beneficiaries under CGHS are required to pay the charges of private hospitals/diagnostic centres recognised under CGHS for the procedure /test carried out. The same is reimbursed by the respective Departments as per CGHS approved rates provided the treatment is taken with permission. However, in case of emergency, the recognised private hospital shall not refuse admission or demand advance from the beneficiary and shall provide credit facilities to the concerned patient on the production of valid CGHS card.

HIV infection through blood banks

1885. SHRI N.K.PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government introduced any safety measures to check the